

## New Translation of the Mass – Part 8 The Collect

**A**FTER the *Gloria*, the opening prayer of the Mass is said or sung. This is known as the *Collect*. The stress is put on the first syllable: ‘COL-lect’. Its peculiar name implies what this prayer is doing. The priest begins, exhorting us, ‘Let us pray.’ Then there follows a moment’s silence while the people silently form their prayers and intentions for this Mass. Only then does the priest pray the *Collect*, which ‘collects’ the people’s prayers and offers them all to the Father, through the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Through most of the Church’s history, the priest and the people faced the same direction in prayer: to the East, because Christ is our Rising Sun (cf. *Ezekiel 43.2; Isaiah 9.2; Psalm 84.11; Zechariah 3.8; Malachi 4.2; Matthew 24.27; Ephesians 5.14; 1 John 1.5*). The community, as a body, oriented itself to its Head, the Lord. The *Collect* is about the congregation praying with and through its priest, as he ‘collects’ their prayers and offers them.

The priest facing Christ with the congregation makes sense when understood properly. However, it has been misunderstood as the priest praying ‘with his back to the people’. But this is no more strange than the fact that the people in the front row have their backs to the rest of the people, and the people in the first two rows have their backs to people in the third row and onwards, and so on.

Orientation is not about who you have your back to. It’s about who you face; to whom you are oriented. The danger inherent in the priest saying Mass facing the people is this: the tendency to assume that he is focal point of the liturgy. The temptation is as real for the priest as it is for the congregation. The priest appears to be the star of the ‘show’. He is not. It is Christ who is and must remain in the centre.

To correct this, the Pope has asked for standing crucifixes to be placed on the altar. Then it should be clearer that the priest also is facing Christ, just as the people should be. This cannot be a barrier, because the priest is not the one the people should look at anyway. (Rather, the priest – usually through an exaggerated emphasis on his personality – must be careful not to become a barrier between the people and Christ!). The priest ‘collects’ the prayers of the people because he is chosen from the people and, more than that, chosen by ordination to offer them in the person of Christ himself. That is why our ‘Amen’ at the end of the priest’s prayers should be a resounding one. We are saying ‘Amen’ to the prayer of all of us – the prayer of the Body of Christ made through its Head, Christ himself. ‘Let us turn to the Lord’, the early Christians exhorted.

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### The Newsletter of **HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER** *Serving Leicester’s Catholics since AD 1247*



**Parish Social Events Committee.** Jeff Henry has been invited to take the role of Social Events Co-ordinator for the parish. He wishes to put together a committee made up of one representative from each Mass. Representatives would be asked to attend one annual planning meeting, to promote events within their Mass and to help sell tickets. It promises to be a lot of fun. If you would like to join the committee, please collect a form from the tables by the doors and fill it in by **today** June 6.

**Refugee Week in Leicester.** Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational visits, celebrating the contribution of refugees to the UK and encouraging a better understanding between communities. It takes place from 14 - 21 June, and everyone is welcome to take part or just come along to see what’s happening. There will be many events taking place in Leicester, including an International Football Tournament, a Poetry Workshop, a Quiz and Film Night, an exhibition at Newarke Houses Museum and special film screenings at Phoenix Square. Please take a handbill and visit [www.refugeeweek.org.uk](http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk) .

**The third *Evangelium* conference for Catholics aged 18-35** is taking place at the Oratory School, Reading 6th-8th August. This is a unique opportunity to hear many fine speakers, including Fr Aidan Nichols OP and Joanna Bogle, and to meet Catholics from all over the country. Take one of the leaflets by the entrance or speak to Fr Thomas for more information.

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Genesis 14: 18-20
<b>Psalm Response:</b>	<b>You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.</b> (Ps 110)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
<b>Sequence:</b>	<b>Lauda Sion Salvatorem...</b> Zion, praise your Saviour... <b>Ecce panis angelorum...</b> Lo! The angel’s food...
<b>Alleluia:</b>	<u>At 11:00</u> – My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. <u>Otherwise</u> – I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; if any one eats this bread he will live for ever.
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 9: 11-17
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	<u>At 11:00</u> – This is my body, which is for you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, says the Lord. Whenever you receive it, do this as a memorial of me. <u>Otherwise</u> – Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.

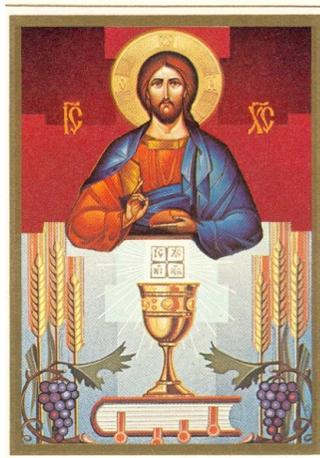
**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1170.46; SVP £15.11; Friends of Holy Cross £10.96; Holy Souls £22.67; Grenada Church Restoration £16.80. The McNabb Appeal now stands at £9037.42.

Next week there will be a retiring collection for the McNabb appeal for parish funds.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Annual Camp for children (aged 9-14) who might not otherwise have a holiday. The SVP Camp at Mablethorpe for boys will run from 24 to 31 July, and for girls from 14 to 21 August. £60 per person, including transport. See noticeboard and contact Monica Mitchell on 278 2375. If you cannot find all the £60, please contact Rosi Leivas on 07542 904154 or by email [rosi.leivas@o2.co.uk](mailto:rosi.leivas@o2.co.uk).

The annual pilgrimage to Lourdes of the Nottingham Diocese will take place from 19-24 July. If you are making your own way to Lourdes to be there with the Diocese, please get in touch beforehand so we can include you in all our Programme of Events. Bishop Malcolm is keen for as many as possible to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes this year to honour our Blessed Lady and to renew our spiritual lives. For further information please contact Fr Gregory on 07540 239319 or [admin@nottingham-lourdes.org.uk](mailto:admin@nottingham-lourdes.org.uk).



This is my Body; this is my Blood

**Forthcoming events for your diary**

Mon 21 Jun	Organ Recital given by David Cowen. Tuneful Music by popular British composers, 8pm
Sat 25 Sep	Late Summer Ball – raising funds for the McNabb appeal
Sat 30 Oct	All Saints' Holy X Factor – a karaoke with a difference

The Collapse of Western Christianity will be explored at a family day at St. Dominic's Convent in Stone on Saturday 26 June starting at 10am. Please contact [jadwigasop@hotmail.com](mailto:jadwigasop@hotmail.com) for more information.

The annual Padley Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 11 July to conclude the Year of the Priest. Pilgrims should assemble at Grindleford station at 3pm. Mass is at 3:30pm and the speaker (preacher?) will be Archbishop Vincent Nichols. Please see the leaflets which give details and explain something of the shrine, and the martyred priests Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlam. More information from [celia.white@btconnect.com](mailto:celia.white@btconnect.com) or 01433 630352, and the noticeboard.

**Twinclarke's Blog.** How do we meet God in a giant toad, a vision of loveliness, a kitten and crab, the joys, sorrows and ridiculous moments of life? Have a look at the weekly blog created by Peter and Isidore Clarke OP. The blog address: <http://mywaygodsway.blogspot.com>

The British Red Cross remains in urgent need of food donations to respond to the emergency needs of destitute asylum seekers in Leicester. To help, please leave your gifts after any Mass – non perishable goods such as tinned and dried foods are also most wanted. A full list of items may be seen on the noticeboard and in the Newsletter (9 May) on the website given for past Newsletters. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

Year II	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 2
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Isidore, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Duncan	
Sunday	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>	
	Vigil	18.00 Irene Olszewska, RIP 8.00 Evelyn Dixon, RIP
	Family	9.30 Nancy Ferns, RIP
	Solemn	11.00 Pat Neeson, RIP. <i>There will be a Blessed Sacrament procession after this Mass.</i>
	OP Rite	12.30 Deceased sisters, relations, friends & benefactors of St Joseph's Convent
	Students	17.00 <b>The last Mass this term will be next week</b> 19.00 <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 Sr Celestine 12.30 Sr Anne Maria	
Tuesday	<b>BB Diana d'Andalò and Cecilia Caesarini, virgins, nuns</b> 10.00 Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 Michael Hoey, RIP	
Wednesday	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 Sr Olivia 12.30 Michael O'Carroll, RIP	
Thursday	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 Mrs Agnes D Amirthampillai, RIP (11 <sup>th</sup> year anniversary) 12.30 Sr Breege	
Friday	<b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, solemnity</b> 10.00 Ray Fowell, in thanksgiving 12.30 Brigid Fahey, RIP	
Saturday	<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> 10.00 Sr Bridget 12.30 Nancy Fearn, RIP	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Isidore, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Fabian	
<b>WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN.</b> Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Friday at <b>8am</b> , and on Saturday at 8:15am.		
<b>Next Sunday – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday per annum. Readings:</b>		
2 Samuel 12:	7-10.13	Galatians 2:16. 19-21
		Luke 7:36 - 8:3

There will be a St Thomas Study Weekend at the Dominican convent in Stone from 18th-20th June. The theme will be 'the love of God and the Sacred Heart'. Speak to Fr Thomas if you are interested in coming.

At next Sunday's 11am Mass, we will be joined by our friends Coro Nostro, conducted by Robert Kenny, who will sing with our choir Victoria's Missa O Quam Gloriosum.

The Leicestershire Chorale will be singing Choral Settings of Shakespeare at the Loughborough Endowed Schools Music School on Sunday 20 June at 7:30pm. Details on noticeboard.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
<b>MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS</b> 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers Old Rite Masses as announced. Church is open from 8.00 - 18.00
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> 10.30 Exposition until 12.30 11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
<b>SATURDAYS</b> 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Novena to Our Lady 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday Old Rite Masses as announced.
<b>HOLIDAYS</b> 18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers 19.00 Mass
<b>BANK HOLIDAYS (&amp; MON TO FRI AROUND XMAS &amp; NEW YEAR)</b> 7.30 Lauds 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
<b>SUNDAYS</b> 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 9.30 Mass (Family) 11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays) 12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin) 17.00 Mass (for Students, term time only) 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Rosary 18.20 Sung Latin Compline 18.40 Benediction 19.00 Mass
<b>Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy:</b> For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits leave message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
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